

## Message Text

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TAGS: ENRG, MZ, WZ

SUBJECT: MAPUTO OIL REFINERY

REF: (A) MBABANE 0333: (B) 77 MBABANE 3309

1. REFTELS BOTH MENTION "USED OIL REFINERY " IN MAPUTO  
THE PETROMOC FACILITY, NATIONALIZED IN MAY 1977, IS THE  
ONLY REFINERY OF WHICH EMBASSY IS AWARE IN MOZAMBIQUE. IT  
IS VERY MUCH IN USE. IT'S 1977 OUTPUT WAS 430,000 METRIC  
TONS OF REFINED CRUDE OIL, AN INCREASE OF 16 PERCENT OVER  
1976. FOR 1878, PETROMOC HAS SET A PRODUCTION GOAL OF  
570,000 TONS. THE REFINERY EMPLOYS 600 PEOPLE

2. MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AND DECREASED DOMESTIC DEMAND CAUSED  
THE REFINERY TO OPERATE SOME WHAT BELOW CAPACITY DURING  
1975-77 DURING THE LATE SIXTIES, IT WAS EXPORTING NEARLY  
40 PERCENT OF ITS REFINED CRUDE OIL TO SOUTH AFRICA AND  
PROBABLY SWAZILAND. THESE FIGURES FELL OFF EVEN BEFORE  
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MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT ALL OR  
NEARLY ALL OF THE OIL TRANSITING MAPUTO TO SWAZILAND AND  
SOUTH AFRICA ARRIVES ALREADY REFINED. HOWEVER, PETROMOC  
PLANS TO INCREASE EXPORTATION OF REFINED POL PRODUCTS.  
AND THE NEIGHBORING STATES ARE OBVIOUS MARKETS.

3. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, PETROMOC OFFICIAL

CONFIRMED ABOVE INFO AND SAID THAT SWAZI AND MOZAMBIQUE  
GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES OF SENDING  
LARGE AMOUNTS OF MAPUTO REFINED POL TO SWAZILAND. THIS  
ARRANGEMENT WOULD REDUCE SWAZILAND'S RELIANCE ON SOUTH  
AFRICAN REFINED POL. HE ALSO CONFIRMED  
THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE ROMANIAN TECHNICIANS  
AND OIL EXPERTS ASSISTING IN THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT  
OF THE REFINERY.  
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